

HOUSE RESOLUTION 11

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Justin Scott Grimm of the 2016 World Champion Chicago Cubs.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pride in specially recognizing and paying tribute to those professional athletes who, through their expertise and extraordinary success, have distinguished themselves and their teams in athletic competition; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Justin Scott Grimm, whose talents as a professional baseball pitcher helped the Chicago Cubs bring a World Series championship home to Wrigley Field for the first time since 1908; and

WHEREAS, born in Bristol on August 16, 1988, Justin Grimm attended Virginia High School in Bristol, Virginia, where he was a star on the baseball team. Originally projected to be a high-round draft pick, he was selected by the Boston Red Sox in the thirteenth round of the 2007 Major League Baseball draft due to his commitment to play baseball for the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, taking the mound for the University of Georgia from 2008 to 2010, Mr. Grimm pitched thirty-one innings his freshman year, seventy-eight innings his sophomore year, and worked seventy-seven innings his third and final season with the Bulldogs before being drafted in the fifth round of the 2010 Major League Baseball draft by the Texas Rangers; and

WHEREAS, Justin Grimm made his major league debut with the Texas Rangers on June 16, 2012, against the Houston Astros, picking up the win after pitching six innings, striking out seven, walking none, and throwing eighty-eight pitches for fifty-six strikes; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Mr. Grimm was named American League Rookie of the Month for April, with a record of two wins and no losses, with an earned run average of 1.59 in three

starts, striking out fifteen and holding opponents to a .239 batting average in seventeen innings; and

WHEREAS, Justin Grimm was traded to the Chicago Cubs on July 22, 2013, and assigned to the AAA Iowa Cubs. Recalled to the Chicago Cubs in September, he finished the season in the Cubs bullpen, working nine innings and setting a 2.00 earned run average; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grimm was moved to the Cubs bullpen in spring training of 2014 and made the opening day roster as a relief pitcher. Since then, he has taken the mound time and again, leading Cubs relievers with 12.14 strikeouts per nine innings in 2015 while posting a 1.99 earned run average; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the best bullpen in major league baseball, Justin Grimm played an integral role in the 2016 Chicago Cubs' World Series championship season, appearing in sixty-eight games and recording sixty-five strikeouts; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that the members of this General Assembly specially recognize and commend this esteemed gentleman on his extraordinary success; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Justin Scott Grimm on his outstanding effort on the pitching mound as a member of the 2016 World Champion Chicago Cubs and wish him much continued success in all his endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.